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Response to Applicant's Amendment

The amendment filed on July 24, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the added new claim(s) 21-40 as being patentable over the applied Ross reference. Specifically, all (not "many" as stated in the amendment) the limitations of independent new claims 21 and 35 must be distinguished over Ross. Furthermore, mere dependency does not absolve Applicant from distinguishing the new dependent claims (claims 22-34, 36-40) over Ross since each new dependent claim can be subsequently converted to an independent claim. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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